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Scholes International Airport  
Roadway Pavement Improvements  
Galveston, Texas**

Dear Mr. Bavarian:

We are pleased to present our final geotechnical investigation report performed for the above referenced project. Preliminary boring logs and pavement recommendations were submitted to you May 27, 2014. Draft report was submitted to you on June 20, 2014. A revised draft report was submitted to you on June 26, 2014. This final report will supersede all previously submitted draft reports, boring logs, transmittals, e-mails, etc. for the referenced project. This study was authorized through Contract for Professional Services dated March 17, 2014 by accepting our Proposal No. 1140342899 dated January 17, 2014.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service to you. If you have any questions regarding the report, or if we can be of further service to you, please call us.

Very truly yours,

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A geotechnical investigation was conducted by Geotest Engineering, Inc. for the Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements in Galveston, Texas.

The project includes approximately 14,400 feet of asphalt roadways, for which 3 repair options have been considered. Repair option 1 involves a Mill and Mix (Recycle Base), as well as localized base repairs in weak base areas. New base to be cement stabilized and then topped with an asphalt overlay. Option 2 involves Milling and Hauling existing asphalt and base, to be replaced with a new cement stabilized base, and then topped with an asphalt overlay. Option 3 involves the seal and overlay on top of existing roadways, with full depth repair in weak base areas. After consideration and evaluation, Option 1 was selected as the Preferred Repair Option for the entire project. The asphalt roadways included are Lockheed Road, Airport Boulevard, Terminal Drive, 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Piper Street, and Cessna Drive. The existing roadways will be widened as necessary on both sides of the roadway, to result in a proposed 24-foot section for Lockheed Road and Airport Boulevard, and a proposed 22-foot section for the remaining 4 roadways.

1. The existing paving along the six roadways of the project, as revealed in borings B-1 through B-14, consist of 1.5 to 6.5 inches of asphaltic surface over 4.5 to 16.5 inches of unstabilized base. The unstabilized base consists of limestone, oyster shell, sand and asphaltic material and shell mix.
2. The subgrade beneath the pavement consists of loose to medium dense gray and brown sand, fine sand with silt, silty sand and silty clayey sand. A layer of sandy lean clay was encountered between depths of 2 and 4.5 feet in borings B-3, B-4 and B-12.
3. Groundwater was encountered during drilling at depths ranging from 3.7 to 6 feet in all the borings drilled for this project. The ground water level measured 10 to 15 minutes after the free water was first encountered is at depths ranging from 3.4 to 5 feet in all the borings.
4. The recommended pavement sections for the rehabilitation are given in Section 6.0.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Description

The project includes asphalt pavement improvements for approximately 14,400 feet of Scholes Airport roadways. After consideration and evaluation of three repair options, the preferred option is the Mill and Mix (Recycled Base), with localized base repairs in weak base areas. New base to be cement stabilized and then topped with an asphalt overlay. The asphalt roadways included are Lockheed Road, Airport Boulevard, Terminal Drive, 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Piper Street, and Cessna Drive. The existing roadways will be widened as necessary on both sides of the roadway, to result in a proposed 24-foot section for Lockheed Road and Airport Boulevard, and a proposed 22-foot section for the remaining 4 roadways. The vicinity map is shown on Figure 1.

### 1.2 Purpose and Scope

The purposes of this investigation were to investigate existing paving and subgrade conditions and to develop geotechnical recommendations of pavement design alternatives for the rehabilitation of existing roadways in Scholes International Airport at Galveston.

The scope of this investigation consisted of the following tasks:

- Asphalt coring at all fourteen (14) boring locations to determine and evaluate the existing paving section.
- Drilling and continuous sampling seven (7) soil borings each to a depth of 10 feet to evaluate subsurface soil conditions.
- Performing laboratory tests on field samples, in accordance with ASTM, to evaluate the physical properties of the existing pavement materials and subsurface soils.
- Performing engineering analyses to evaluate the existing pavement section, and provide recommendations of pavement design alternatives for the rehabilitation of the six existing roadways mentioned above.
- Prepared a geotechnical report summarizing the field, laboratory data and engineering recommendations.

## **2.0 FIELD INVESTIGATION**

Paving and subgrade conditions were investigated by drilling fourteen (14) borings designated as B-1 through B-14 for Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements. All borings were drilled with a truck mounted rotary drilling rig. Asphalt coring was performed at all boring locations to evaluate the existing pavement thickness and conduct laboratory tests. The approximate boring locations are shown on Figures 2.1 and 2.2, Plan of Borings.

The soil samples were sampled continuously to a depth of 10 feet, the termination depth of borings. Samples of cohesionless soils and cohesive soils (not retrieved by thin walled tube sampler) were obtained with a 2-inch split barrel sampler in general accordance with ASTM Method D 1586, and samples of cohesive soils were obtained with a 3-inch thin walled tube sampler in general accordance with ASTM D 1587. Each sample was removed from the sampler in the field, carefully examined and logged by an experienced soils technician. Suitable portions of each sample were sealed and packaged for transportation to Geotest's laboratory. The shear strength of cohesive soil samples was estimated using a pocket penetrometer in the field. Driving resistances of the split barrel sampler were recorded in the field as "blows per foot," and are indicated on boring logs. All borings were backfilled with cement-bentonite grout after completion of drilling.

Detailed descriptions of the soils encountered in the borings are given on the boring logs presented on Figures A-1 through A-14 in Appendix A. A key to symbols and terms used on boring logs is given on Figure A-15 in Appendix A.

### **3.0 LABORATORY TESTING**

The laboratory testing program was designed to evaluate the pertinent physical properties and shear strength characteristics of the subsurface soils. Classification tests were performed on selected samples to aid in soil classification. All the tests were performed in accordance with appropriate ASTM standards.

The in-place moisture content (ASTM D 2216) of selected samples was determined to define the moisture profile at each boring location. Liquid limit and plastic limit tests (ASTM D 4318) were performed on selected samples. Results of these tests are summarized on the boring logs.

One (1) laboratory compaction test (ASTM D 698) was performed on composite sample from borings B-1 through B-14 to obtain the maximum dry density and optimum moisture content. One (1) California Bearing Ratio (ASTM D 1883) test was performed on the composite sample from borings B-1 through B-14. The results of laboratory compaction test and CBR tests are presented on Figures B-1 and B-2a through B-2d, respectively in Appendix B.

Specimen of the existing pavement surface course (asphalt) was tested for its asphalt content, gradation, maximum theoretical specific gravity, bulk density and Hveem stability. Particle size analyses of existing pavement base materials were performed to verify its suitability for mix design.

Results of asphalt content, gradation, maximum theoretical density, bulk density and Hveem stability of the top asphaltic surface course are given on Figure B-3 in Appendix B.

Sieve analysis tests were performed on two samples from collected base material. The results of sieve analysis are presented in Figures B-4a and B-4b in Appendix B.



## 4.0 GENERAL SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

### 4.1 Existing Paving

Based on the findings from the boring logs, the existing paving along various airport roadways as revealed in borings B-1 through B-14 consist of 1.5 to 6.5 inches of asphaltic surface over 4.5 to 16.5 inches of unstabilized base. The unstabilized base consists of limestone, oyster shell, sand and asphaltic material and shell mix. Details of the existing paving are given below.

Street	Boring No.	Pavement Course	
		Asphalt	Base Course
Terminal Drive	B-1	6.5"	7.0" Oyster Shell and Sand
Terminal Drive	B-2	2.75"	10.5" Oyster Shell and Sand
Terminal Drive	B-3	1.5"	7" Limestone
Piper Street	B-4	1.75"	10" Oyster Shell and Sand
83 <sup>rd</sup> Street	B-5	2.5"	3.0" of Asphalt, and Shell mix
83 <sup>rd</sup> Street	B-6	2.5"	16.5" of Oyster Shell, and Sand
83 <sup>rd</sup> Street	B-7	1.5"	15.5" of Oyster Shell, Gravel and Sand
Airport Blvd.	B-8	2.0"	14.0" Oyster Shell
Airport Blvd.	B-9	2.0"	12.0" Oyster Shell
Lockheed Road	B-10	2.0"	7" Limestone
Lockheed Road	B-11	3.0"	9.0" Oyster Shell
Lockheed Road	B-12	3.0"	4.5" Limestone
Cessna Drive	B-13	1.5"	7.5" Limestone
Cessna Drive	B-14	2.5"	7.0" Oyster Shell

## 4.2 Subgrade Soils

The subgrade beneath the pavement consists of loose to medium dense gray and brown sand, fine sand with silt, silty sand and silty clayey sand. A layer of sandy lean clay was encountered between the depths of 2 to 4.5 feet in borings B-3, B-4 and B-12.

Sandy Lean Clay is of medium plasticity with liquid limits ranging from 27 to 31 and plasticity indices ranging from 11 to 14. The fines content (passing No. 200 sieve) for Silty Sand and Silty Clayey Sand ranges from 13 to 28 percent. The fines content of Sand and Fine Sand with silt ranges from 2 to 11 percent. The fines content of Sandy Lean Clay ranges from 60 to 70 percent.

## 4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater was encountered during drilling at depths ranging from 3.7 to 6 feet in all the borings drilled for this project. The groundwater level measured 10 to 15 minutes after the free water was first encountered is at depths ranging from 3.4 to 5 feet in all the borings.

However, it should be noted that various environmental and man-made factors, such as amount of precipitation, nearby subsurface construction activities and changes in area drainage, could substantially influence the groundwater levels.

## **5.0 ENGINEERING ANALYSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **5.1 Pavement Recommendations**

The project includes approximately 14,400 feet of asphalt roadways, for which 3 repair options have been considered. Repair option 1 involves a Mill and Mix (Recycled Base), as well as localized base repairs in weak base areas. New base to be cement stabilized and then topped with an asphalt overlay. Option 2 involves Milling and Hauling existing asphalt and base, to be replaced with a new cement stabilized base, and then topped with an asphalt overlay. Option 3 involves the seal and overlay on top of existing roadways, with full depth repair in weak base areas. After consideration and evaluation, Option 1 was selected as the Preferred Option for the entire project. The asphalt roadways included are Lockheed Rd., Airport Blvd., Terminal Dr., 83<sup>rd</sup> St., Piper St., and Cessna Dr. The existing roadways will be widened as necessary on both sides of the roadway, to result in a proposed 24-foot section for Lockheed Rd. and Airport Blvd., and a proposed 22-foot section for the remaining 4 roadways.

Based on our understanding, rehabilitation of existing pavement is considered for the project. The rehabilitation method includes the recycling of existing pavement material (shell and asphalt), adding stabilization to be used as base material, and then topped with asphalt overlay. However, the reclaimed material (predominantly oyster shell, encountered along the six roadways of the project) may possess poorly graded material as shown in the sieve analysis report (Figure B-4a). Therefore, the recycled base will not provide sufficient bonding and strength as required for the base course unless coarse aggregate are added to the mixture. Hence, an alternative rehabilitation method was considered. The alternative rehabilitation method includes milling, adding coarse crushed concrete base, mixing the existing asphalt, the shell base, and the crushed concrete with portland cement, creating a new recycled base to be overlayed with new asphalt surface course. The pavement design and the construction of the alternative rehabilitation method is discussed below.

## 5.2 Pavement Design Method

The pavement design was developed in accordance with the “AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures” 1993 edition.

## 5.3 Design Parameters

Subgrade Soil Properties. Based on the laboratory test data obtained from the natural subgrade soils, the effective roadbed resilient modulus ( $M_R$ ) is estimated to be 16,603 psi.

Traffic Data. No traffic counts were available for this study, however, a traffic data of  $0.24 \times 10^6$  - 18 kips ESAL ( $W_{18}$ ) over a 20 year design period was used for the design. This traffic data was based on 200 vehicles per day with 1% truck traffic.

Other Design Parameters. Other design parameters used in the development of flexible pavement structural number are given below:

- Flexible Pavement: Overall Standard Deviation ( $S_o$ ): 0.45  
Reliability Level (R): 80%  
Serviceability Index  
Initial ( $P_o$ ): 4.2  
Terminal ( $P_t$ ): 2.0

Layer, coefficient:

$a_1, a_2, a_3$  = layer coefficient for surface, base and subbase course, respectively. Values of the layer coefficient for each pavement material are as follows:

$a_1$  = 0.44 for HMHL asphalt concrete surface

$a_2$  = 0.34 for Asphalt concrete black base

= 0.23 for Cement stabilized base

= 0.17 for lime and flyash stabilized base

$a_3$  = 0.11 for Lime stabilized soils

Drainage coefficient:

$m_2, m_3$  = Drainage coefficient for base and subbase layers;  
 $m_2 = 1.15$  and  $m_3 = 1.15$  (based on a fair quality  
of drainage)

#### 5.4 Recommended Pavement Section

Based on the design parameters described above and on AASHTO design procedures, the structural number for flexible pavement was determined. The recommended pavement sections are given below.

<u>Pavement Course</u>	<u>Thickness (inches)</u>
Asphaltic Concrete Surface	2.0
Geotextile Fabric Mat	--
Cement Stabilized recycled asphalt, shell base with crushed concrete	8.0

#### 5.5 Pavement Construction

The proposed pavement section given above can be constructed in accordance with guidelines given below:

- Mill the existing asphalt surface (depth varies) and existing base material (approximately 4" depth).
- Spread the milled material to entire width of the pavement including the widening of both sides of the existing pavement. After spreading, the milled material thickness should be around 4 inches through the entire pavement width.
- Add an additional 4" of coarse crushed concrete on top of milled and spread material for entire width including the widened section, then add 8% - 10% portland cement (depending on

gradation). This cement stabilized crushed concrete and recycled asphalt and shell mix should be compacted and cured to an approximate depth of 8 inches in accordance with TxDOT Specification Item No. 275.

- Place a geofabric mat over the compacted stabilized recycled base material.
- Finally, place the 2 inch asphaltic concrete surface in accordance with TxDOT Specification Item 340.

Further, at location near boring B-5 where existing pavement thickness is 5.5 inches, after milling about 4 inches; over excavation and replacing with additional crushed concrete thickness will be required for the recycled 8-inch base.

Please note that in areas where significant base failures were noticed, spot base repair is recommended.

## **6.0 PROVISIONS**

The description of subsurface conditions and the design information contained in this report are based on borings made at specific locations. However, some variation in soil conditions may occur between test locations. Should any subsurface conditions other than those described in our boring logs be encountered, Geotest should be immediately notified so that further investigation and supplemental recommendations can be provided. The depth of the groundwater level may vary with changes in environmental conditions such as frequency and magnitude of rainfall. The stratification lines on the log of borings represent the approximate boundaries between soil types, however, the transition between soil types may be more gradual than depicted.

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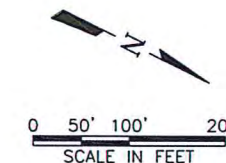
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 Galveston, Texas

## VICINITY MAP

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FIGURE 1





MATCH LINE SEE SHEET 6

## PLAN OF BORINGS

FIGURE 2.1

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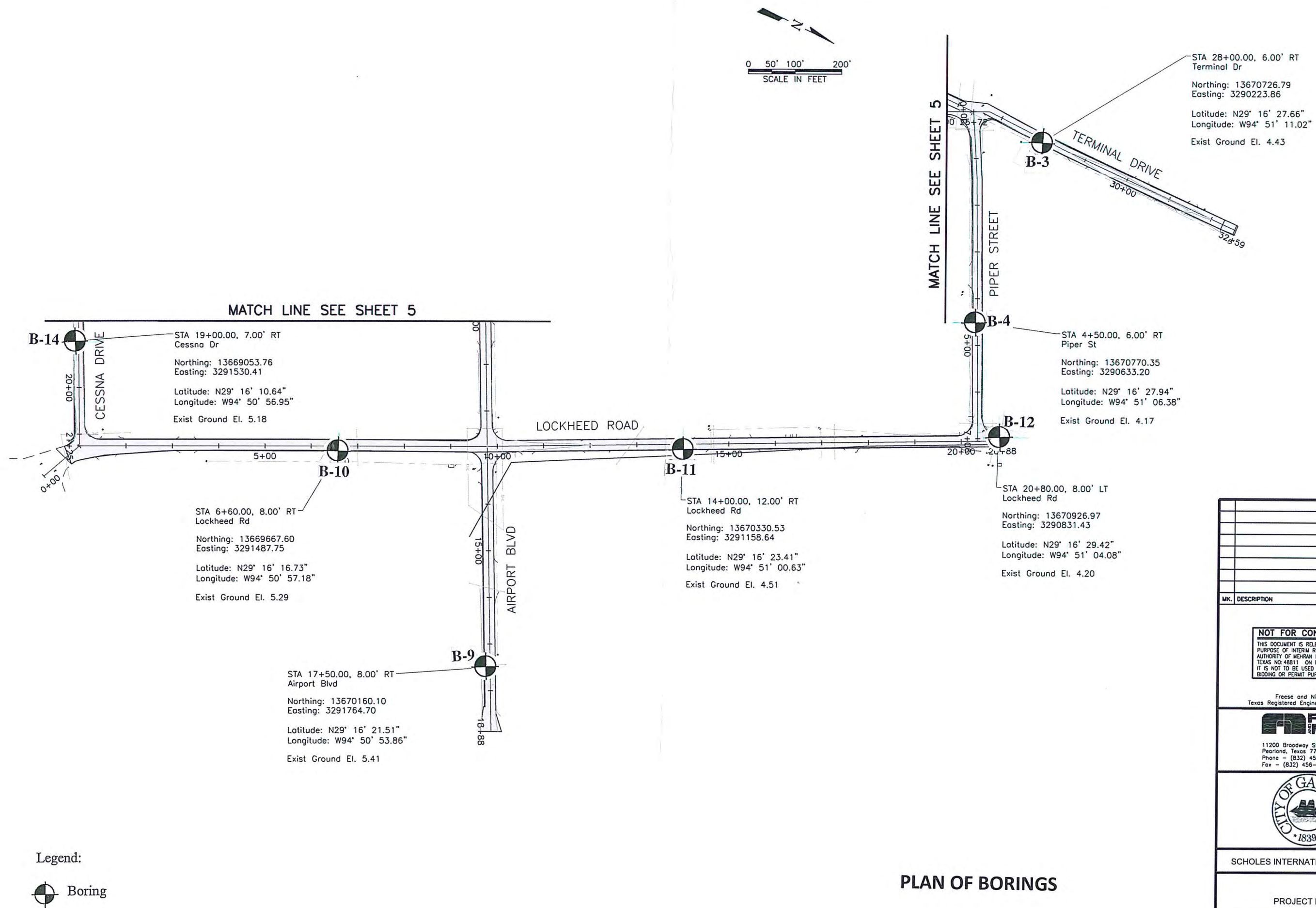


FIGURE 2.2

## APPENDIX A

	<u>Figure</u>
Log of Borings .....	A-1 thru A-14
Symbols and Terms Used on Boring Logs .....	A-15

# LOG OF BORING NO. B-1

PROJECT : Scholes International Airport  
Roadway Pavement Improvements  
Galveston, Texas  
LOCATION : Terminal Drive  
See Plan of Borings (Figure 2.1)  
SURFACE ELEVATION : Existing Grade

PROJECT NO. : 1140201801  
COMPLETION DEPTH : 10.0 FT.  
DATE : 04-06-14

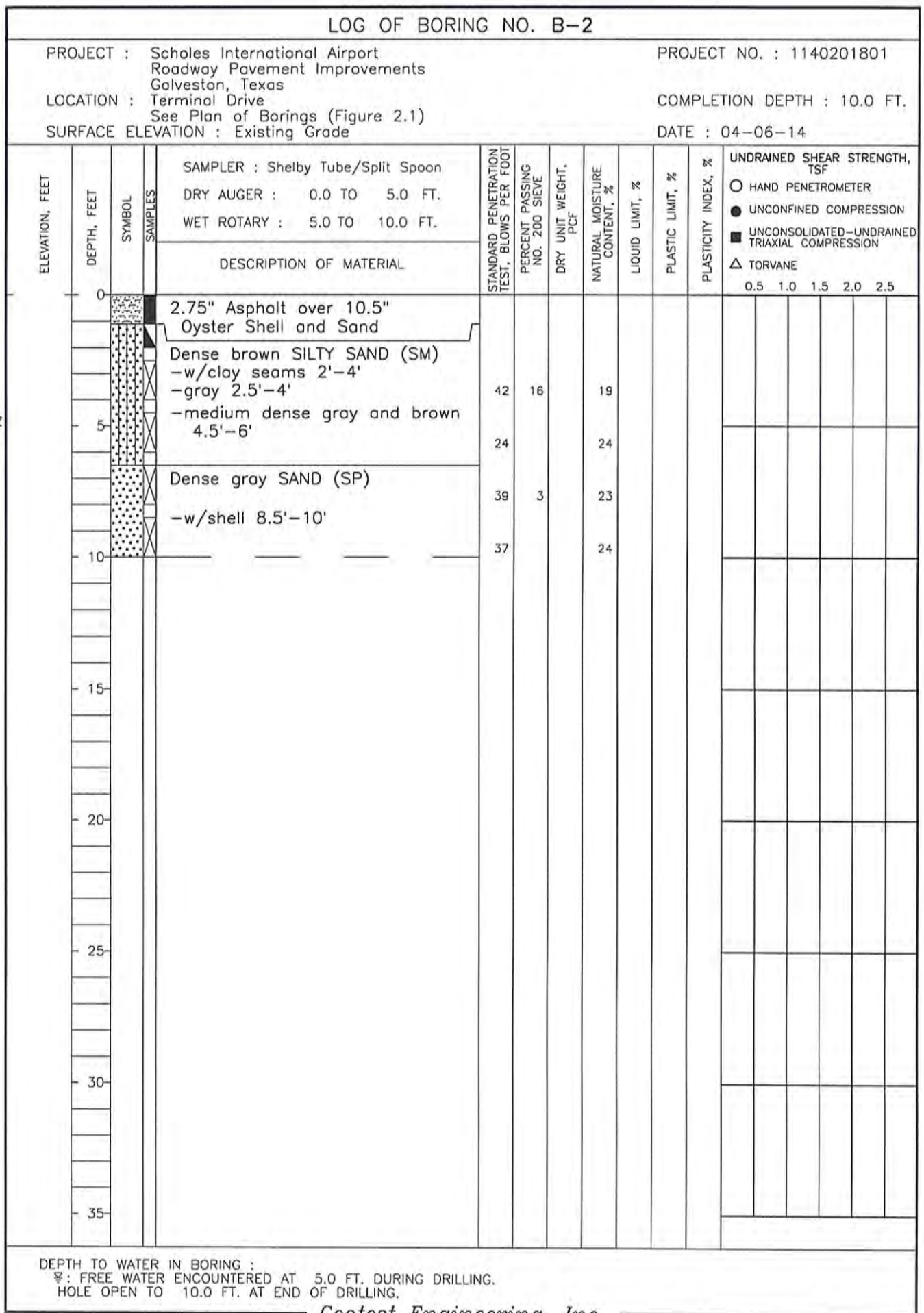
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													○ HAND PENETROMETER	● UNCONFINED COMPRESSION	■ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION	△ TORVANE	
	0				6.5" Asphalt over 7" Oyster Shell and Sand				18								
					Medium dense to dense gray and brown FINE SAND (SP-SM) w/silt -w/clay seams 13.5"-2'	30	11		22								
	5					21			25								
						28			27								
	10					37			25								
	15																
	20																
	25																
	30																
	35																

DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING :  
☞: FREE WATER 1st ENCOUNTERED AT 5.5 FT. DURING DRILLING; AFTER 10.0 MIN. AT 4.0 FT.  
HOLE OPEN TO 10.0 FT. AT END OF DRILLING.

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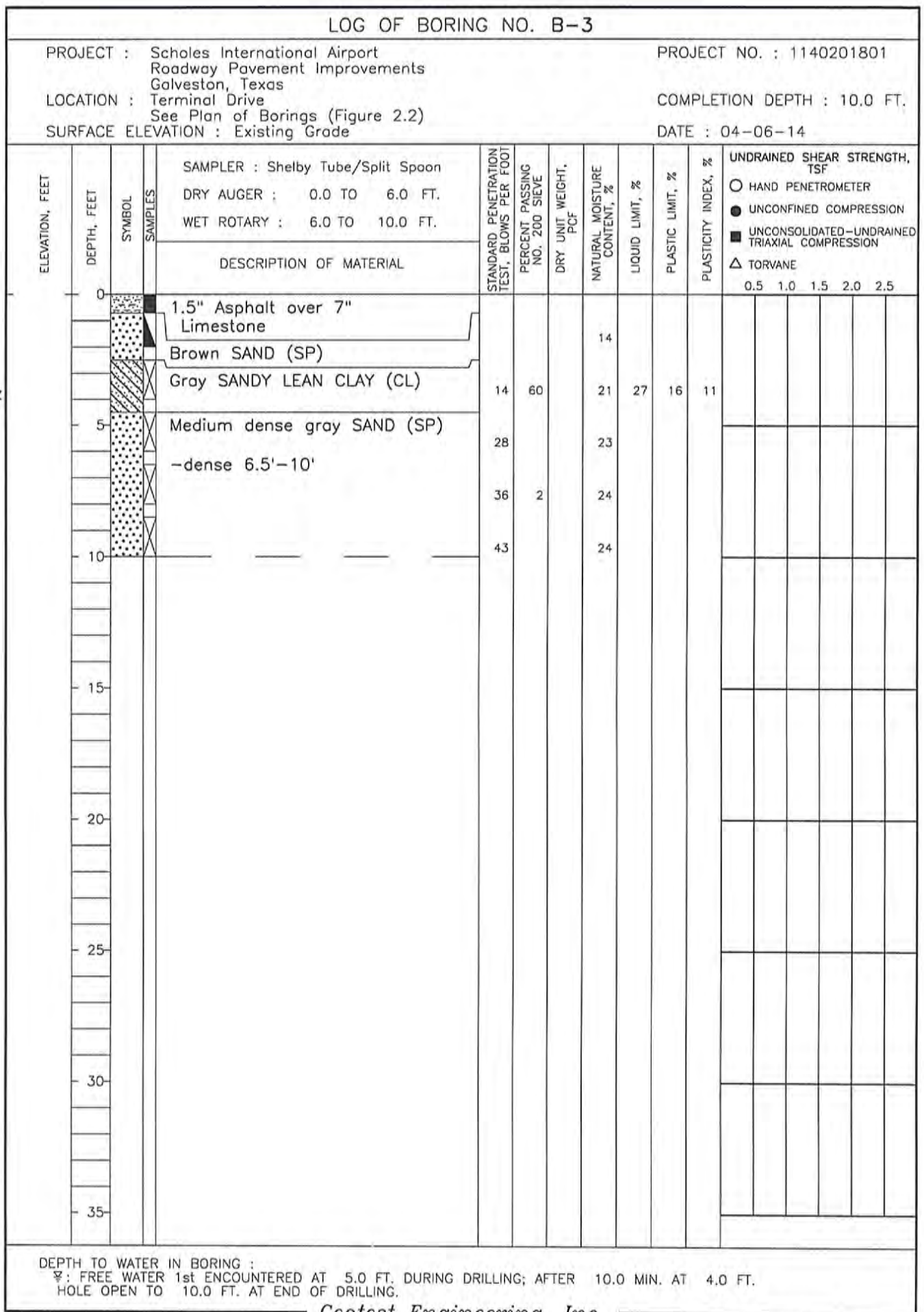
FIGURE A-1





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FIGURE A-2



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FIGURE A-3

# LOG OF BORING NO. B-4

PROJECT : Scholes International Airport  
Roadway Pavement Improvements  
Galveston, Texas  
LOCATION : Piper Street  
See Plan of Borings (Figure 2.2)  
SURFACE ELEVATION : Existing Grade

PROJECT NO. : 1140201801  
COMPLETION DEPTH : 10.0 FT.  
DATE : 04-06-14

ELEVATION, FEET	DEPTH, FEET	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	SAMPLER : Shelby Tube/Split Spoon DRY AUGER : 0.0 TO 6.0 FT. WET ROTARY : 6.0 TO 10.0 FT.	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT	PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	DRY UNIT WEIGHT, PCF	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT, %	LIQUID LIMIT, %	PLASTIC LIMIT, %	PLASTICITY INDEX, %	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, TSF					
				DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL								○ HAND PENETROMETER ● UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ■ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION △ TORVANE	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5
	0			1.75" Asphalt over 10" Oyster Shell and Sand				14									
				Gray SAND (SP) w/clay seams													
				Stiff to very stiff gray SANDY LEAN CLAY (CL)		70		24	31	17	14	△	○				
	5			Medium dense gray FINE SAND (SP-SM) w/silt -dense 6.5'-10'	19	5		23									
					31			25									
	10				39			21									
	15																
	20																
	25																
	30																
	35																

DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING :  
 ♀: FREE WATER 1st ENCOUNTERED AT 5.0 FT. DURING DRILLING; AFTER 10.0 MIN. AT 4.0 FT.  
 HOLE OPEN TO 10.0 FT. AT END OF DRILLING.

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FIGURE A-4



LOG OF BORING NO. B-5																	
PROJECT : Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements Galveston, Texas						PROJECT NO. : 1140201801											
LOCATION : 83rd Street See Plan of Borings (Figure 2.1)						COMPLETION DEPTH : 10.0 FT.											
SURFACE ELEVATION : Existing Grade						DATE : 04-06-14											
ELEVATION, FEET	DEPTH, FEET	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	SAMPLER : Shelby Tube/Split Spoon DRY AUGER : 0.0 TO 6.0 FT. WET ROTARY : 6.0 TO 10.0 FT.	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT	PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	DRY UNIT WEIGHT, PCF	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT, %	LIQUID LIMIT, %	PLASTIC LIMIT, %	PLASTICITY INDEX, %	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, TSF				
													0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5
	0				2.5" Asphalt over 3" Asphalt and Shell Mix				12								
					Medium dense brown and gray FINE SAND (SP-SM) w/silt	20	5		19								
	5				Medium dense brown and gray SAND (SP)	15			25								
					-gray 8.5'-10'	19	3		27								
	10					28			25								
	15																
	20																
	25																
	30																
	35																

DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING :  
 ☞ FREE WATER 1st ENCOUNTERED AT 5.0 FT. DURING DRILLING; AFTER 10.0 MIN. AT 4.0 FT.  
 HOLE OPEN TO 10.0 FT. AT END OF DRILLING.

LOG OF BORING NO. B-6												
PROJECT : Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements Galveston, Texas						PROJECT NO. : 1140201801						
LOCATION : 83rd Street See Plan of Borings (Figure 2.1)						COMPLETION DEPTH : 10.0 FT.						
SURFACE ELEVATION : Existing Grade						DATE : 04-06-14						
ELEVATION, FEET	DEPTH, FEET	SYMBOL	SAMPLER : Shelby Tube/Split Spoon DRY AUGER : 0.0 TO 6.0 FT. WET ROTARY : 6.0 TO 10.0 FT.	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT	PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	DRY UNIT WEIGHT, PCF	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT, %	LIQUID LIMIT, %	PLASTIC LIMIT, %	PLASTICITY INDEX, %	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, TSF ○ HAND PENETROMETER ● UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ■ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAxIAL COMPRESSION △ TORVANE
0	0			2.5" Asphalt over 16.5" Oyster Shell and Sand				15				
				Gray SAND (SP) -dense 2.5'-6'	38			16				
	5			-gray and yellow 4.5'-6'	38	4		24				
				-medium dense 6.5'-8'	23			24				
	10				37			24				
	15											
	20											
	25											
	30											
	35											

DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING :  
 ∅: FREE WATER 1st ENCOUNTERED AT 5.0 FT. DURING DRILLING; AFTER 10.0 MIN. AT 4.0 FT.  
 HOLE OPEN TO 10.0 FT. AT END OF DRILLING.

# LOG OF BORING NO. B-7

PROJECT : Scholes International Airport  
Roadway Pavement Improvements  
Galveston, Texas  
LOCATION : 83rd Street  
See Plan of Borings (Figure 2.1)  
SURFACE ELEVATION : Existing Grade

PROJECT NO. : 1140201801  
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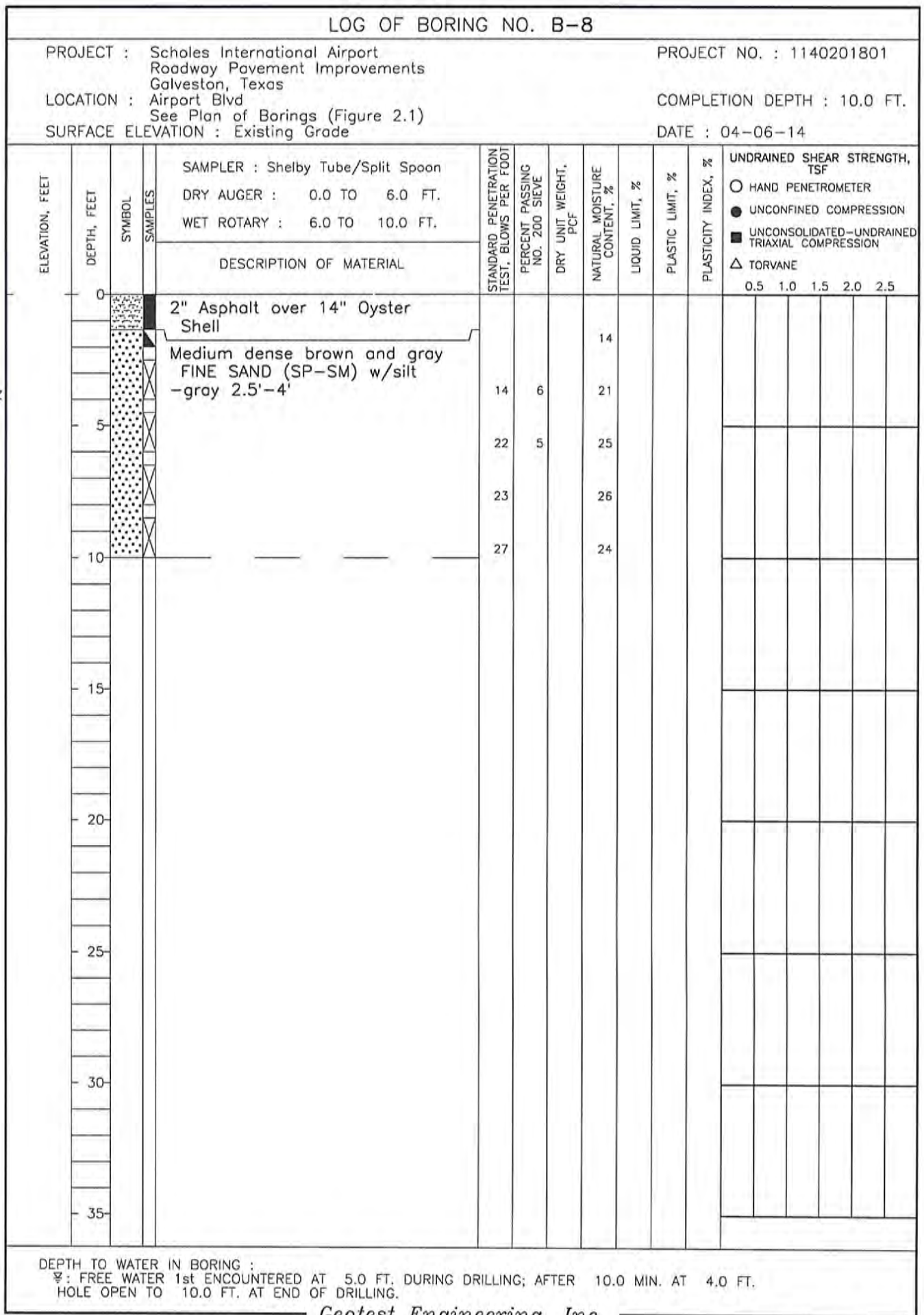
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	0				1.5" Asphalt over 15.5" Oyster Shell, Gravel and Sand				19									
	5				Medium dense gray SILTY SAND (SM)	18	13		19									
					Medium dense gray SAND (SP)	15			25									
					-loose 8.5'-10'	14	2		25									
	10					8			25									
	15																	
	20																	
	25																	
	30																	
	35																	

DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING :  
 ♀: FREE WATER 1st ENCOUNTERED AT 5.0 FT. DURING DRILLING; AFTER 10.0 MIN. AT 4.0 FT.  
 HOLE OPEN TO 10.0 FT. AT END OF DRILLING.

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FIGURE A-7





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FIGURE A-8

# LOG OF BORING NO. B-9

PROJECT : Scholes International Airport  
Roadway Pavement Improvements  
Galveston, Texas  
LOCATION : Airport Blvd  
See Plan of Borings (Figure 2.2)  
SURFACE ELEVATION : Existing Grade

PROJECT NO. : 1140201801  
COMPLETION DEPTH : 10.0 FT.  
DATE : 04-06-14

ELEVATION, FEET	DEPTH, FEET	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT	PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	DRY UNIT WEIGHT, PCF	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT, %	LIQUID LIMIT, %	PLASTIC LIMIT, %	PLASTICITY INDEX, %	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, TSF				
												○ HAND PENETROMETER ● UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ■ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL COMPRESSION △ TORVANE				
				SAMPLER : Shelby Tube/Split Spoon DRY AUGER : 0.0 TO 8.0 FT. WET ROTARY : 8.0 TO 10.0 FT.								0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5
	0			2" Asphalt over 12" Oyster Shell				15								
				Medium dense brown and gray FINE SAND (SP-SM) w/silt	24	8		21								
	5				24	5		24								
					22			25								
	10			-gray 8.5'-10'	27			24								
	15															
	20															
	25															
	30															
	35															

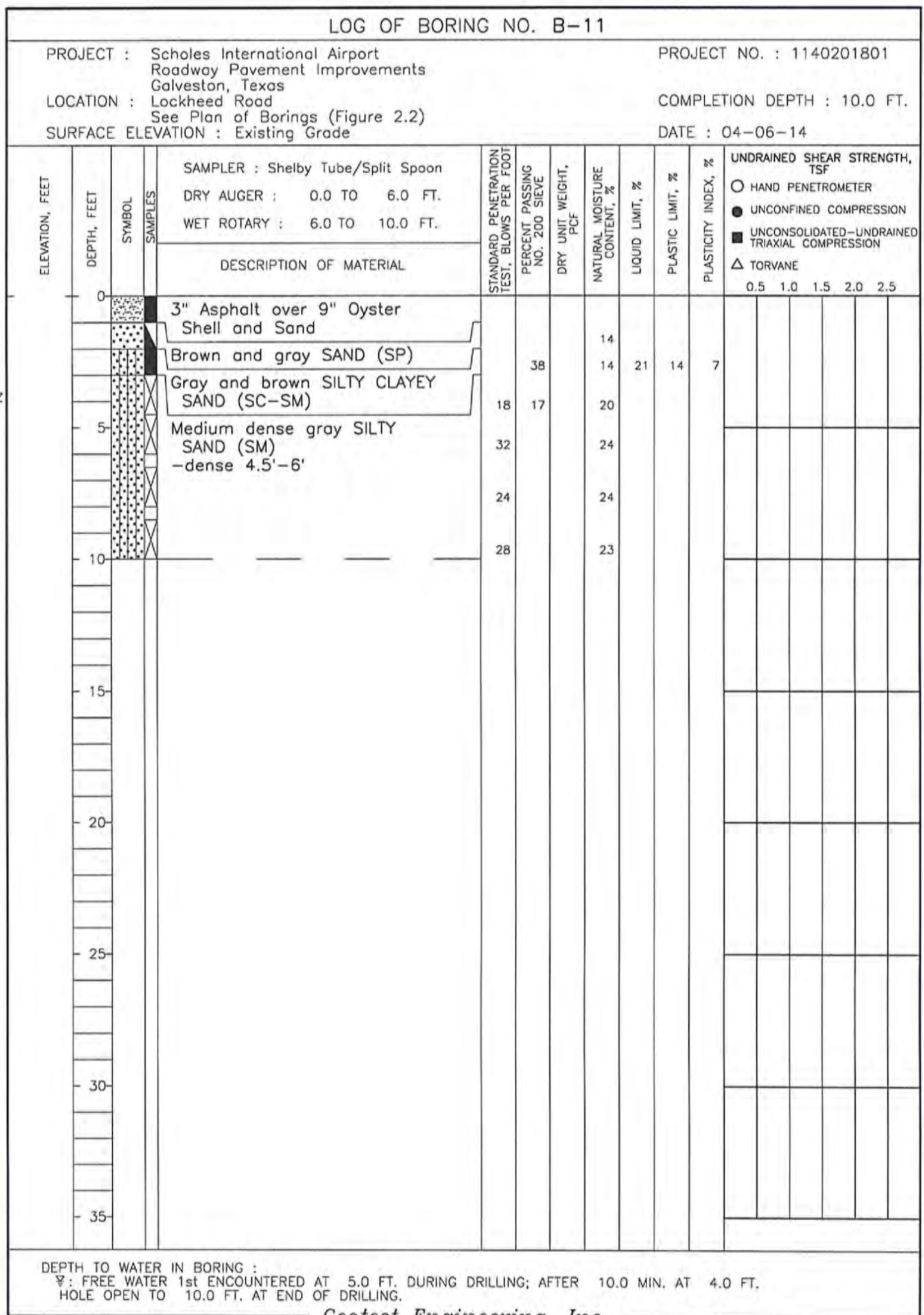
DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING :  
 ♀: FREE WATER 1st ENCOUNTERED AT 6.0 FT. DURING DRILLING; AFTER 10.0 MIN. AT 5.0 FT.  
 HOLE OPEN TO 10.0 FT. AT END OF DRILLING.

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LOG OF BORING NO. B-10													
PROJECT : Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements Galveston, Texas							PROJECT NO. : 1140201801						
LOCATION : Lockheed Road See Plan of Borings (Figure 2.2)							COMPLETION DEPTH : 10.0 FT.						
SURFACE ELEVATION : Existing Grade							DATE : 04-06-14						
ELEVATION, FEET	DEPTH, FEET	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	SAMPLER : Shelby Tube/Split Spoon DRY AUGER : 0.0 TO 6.0 FT. WET ROTARY : 6.0 TO 10.0 FT.	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT	PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	DRY UNIT WEIGHT, PCF	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT, %	LIQUID LIMIT, %	PLASTIC LIMIT, %	PLASTICITY INDEX, %	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, TSF ○ HAND PENETROMETER ● UNCONFINED COMPRESSION ■ UNCONSOLIDATED-UNDRAINED TRIAxIAL COMPRESSION △ TORVANE
0	0				2" Asphalt over 7" Limestone				8				
					Medium dense gray SILTY SAND (SM) w/shell mix	22	28		18				
	5				Medium dense to dense gray SAND (SP)	18			22				
						35			26				
	10					36			24				
	15												
	20												
	25												
	30												
	35												

DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING :  
 ✕: FREE WATER 1st ENCOUNTERED AT 5.0 FT. DURING DRILLING; AFTER 10.0 MIN. AT 4.0 FT.  
 HOLE OPEN TO 10.0 FT. AT END OF DRILLING.



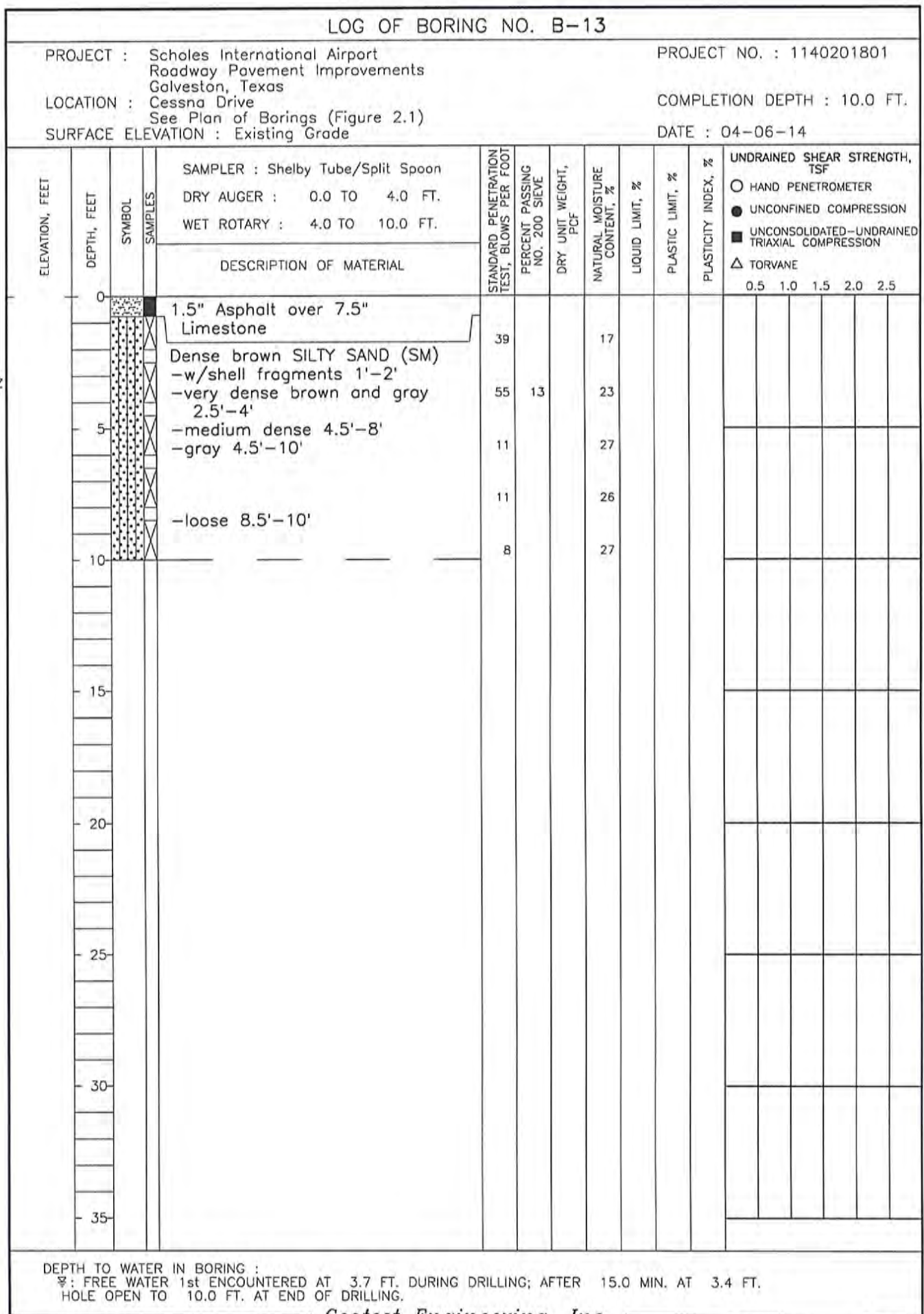


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FIGURE A-11

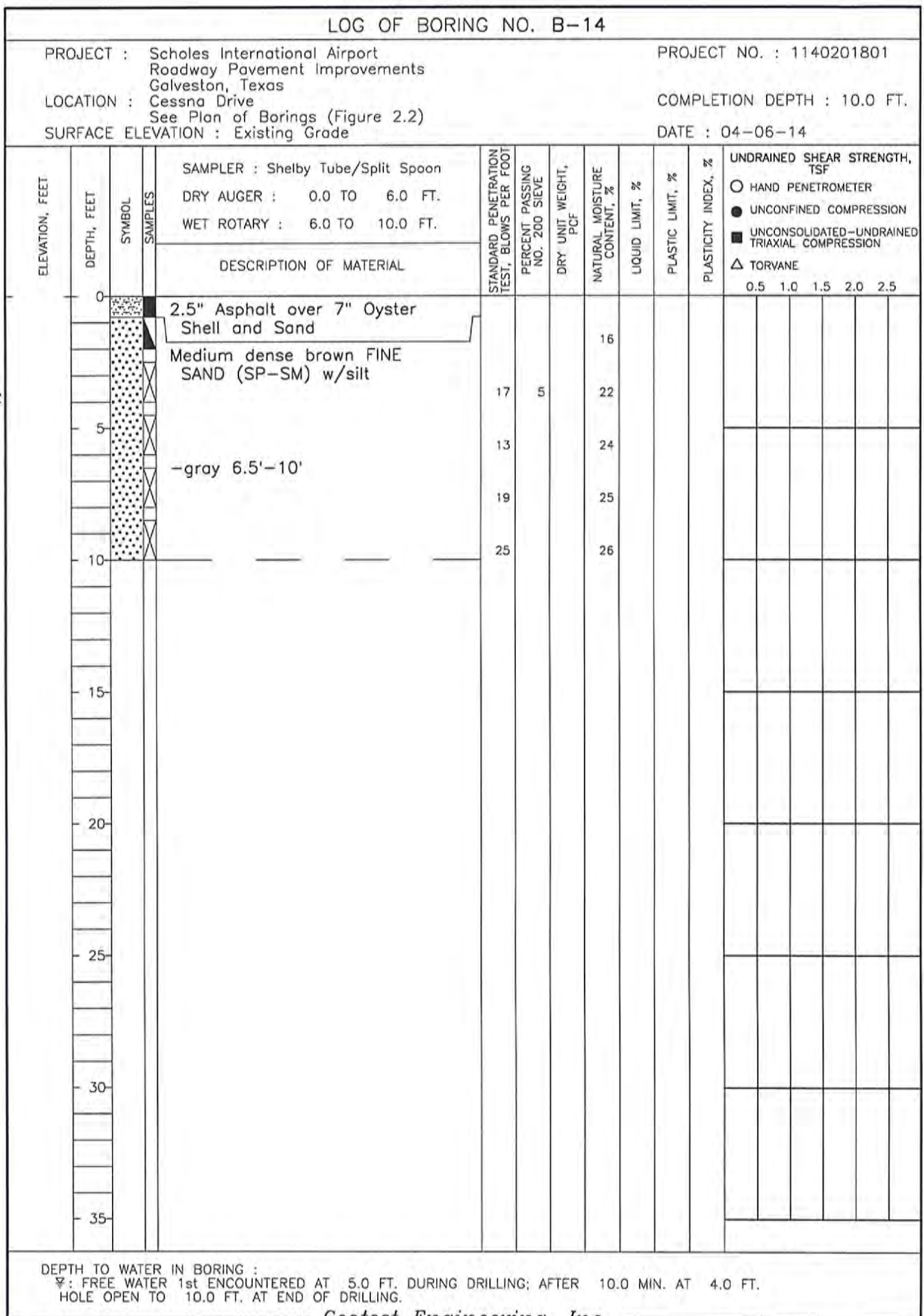
LOG OF BORING NO. B-12																	
PROJECT : Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements Galveston, Texas						PROJECT NO. : 1140201801											
LOCATION : Lockheed Road See Plan of Borings (Figure 2.2)						COMPLETION DEPTH : 10.0 FT.											
SURFACE ELEVATION : Existing Grade						DATE : 04-06-14											
ELEVATION, FEET	DEPTH, FEET	SYMBOL	SAMPLES	SAMPLER : Shelby Tube/Split Spoon DRY AUGER : 0.0 TO 6.0 FT. WET ROTARY : 6.0 TO 10.0 FT.	DESCRIPTION OF MATERIAL	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS PER FOOT	PERCENT PASSING NO. 200 SIEVE	DRY UNIT WEIGHT, PCF	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT, %	LIQUID LIMIT, %	PLASTIC LIMIT, %	PLASTICITY INDEX, %	UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH, TSF				
													0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5
	0				3" Asphalt over 4.5" Limestone				15								
					Gray SAND (SP)												
					Stiff gray SANDY LEAN CLAY (CL)		57		20	30	15	15					
	5				Medium dense gray FINE SAND (SP-SM) w/silt	18	7		26								
						21			24								
	10				-dense 8.5'-10'	35			21								
	15																
	20																
	25																
	30																
	35																
DEPTH TO WATER IN BORING : ∇ : FREE WATER 1st ENCOUNTERED AT 5.0 FT. DURING DRILLING; AFTER 10.0 MIN. AT 4.0 FT. HOLE OPEN TO 10.0 FT. AT END OF DRILLING.																	





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FIGURE A-13

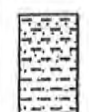


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FIGURE A-14

# SYMBOLS AND TERMS USED ON BORING LOGS

## SOIL TYPES (SHOWN IN SYMBOL COLUMN)

Asphaltic  
Concrete

Fill



Gravel



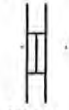
Sand



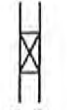
SILT



CLAY

LEAN  
CLAYSandy  
LEAN  
CLAYPitcher  
BarrelNX  
CoreShelby  
Tube

Piston

Split  
SpoonNo  
Recovery

Auger

Predominant type shown heavy

## SAMPLER TYPES (SHOWN IN SAMPLES COLUMN)

## TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY OR CONDITION

Basic Soil Type	Density or Consistency	Standard Penetration Resistance, <sup>(1)</sup> Blows/ft.	Unconfined Compressive Strength ( $q_u$ ), <sup>(2)</sup> Tons/sq. ft.
Cohesionless	Very loose	Less than 4	Not applicable
	Loose	4 to <10	Not applicable
	Medium dense	10 to <30	Not applicable
	Dense	30 to <50	Not applicable
	Very dense	50 or greater	Not applicable
Cohesive	Very soft	Less than 2	Less than 0.25
	Soft	2 to <4	0.25 to <0.5
	Firm/Medium stiff	4 to <8	0.5 to <1.0
	Stiff	8 to <15	1.0 to <2.0
	Very stiff	15 to <30	2.0 to <4.0
	Hard	30 or greater	4 or greater

(1) Number of blows from 140-lb. weight falling 30-in. to drive 2-in. OD, 1-3/8-in. ID, split barrel sampler (ASTM D1586)

(2)  $q_u$  may also be approximated using a pocket penetrometer

## TERMS CHARACTERIZING SOIL STRUCTURE

Parting: -paper thin in size

Seam: -1/8" to 3" thick

Layer: -greater than 3"

Slickensided

- having inclined planes of weakness that are slick and glossy in appearance.

Fissured

- containing shrinkage cracks, frequently filled with fine sand or silt; usually more or less vertical.

Laminated

- composed of thin layers of varying color and texture.

Interbedded

- composed of alternate layers of different soil types.

Calcareous

- containing appreciable quantities of calcium carbonate.

Well graded

- having wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes.

Poorly graded

- predominantly of one grain size, or having a range of sizes with some intermediate size missing.

Flocculated

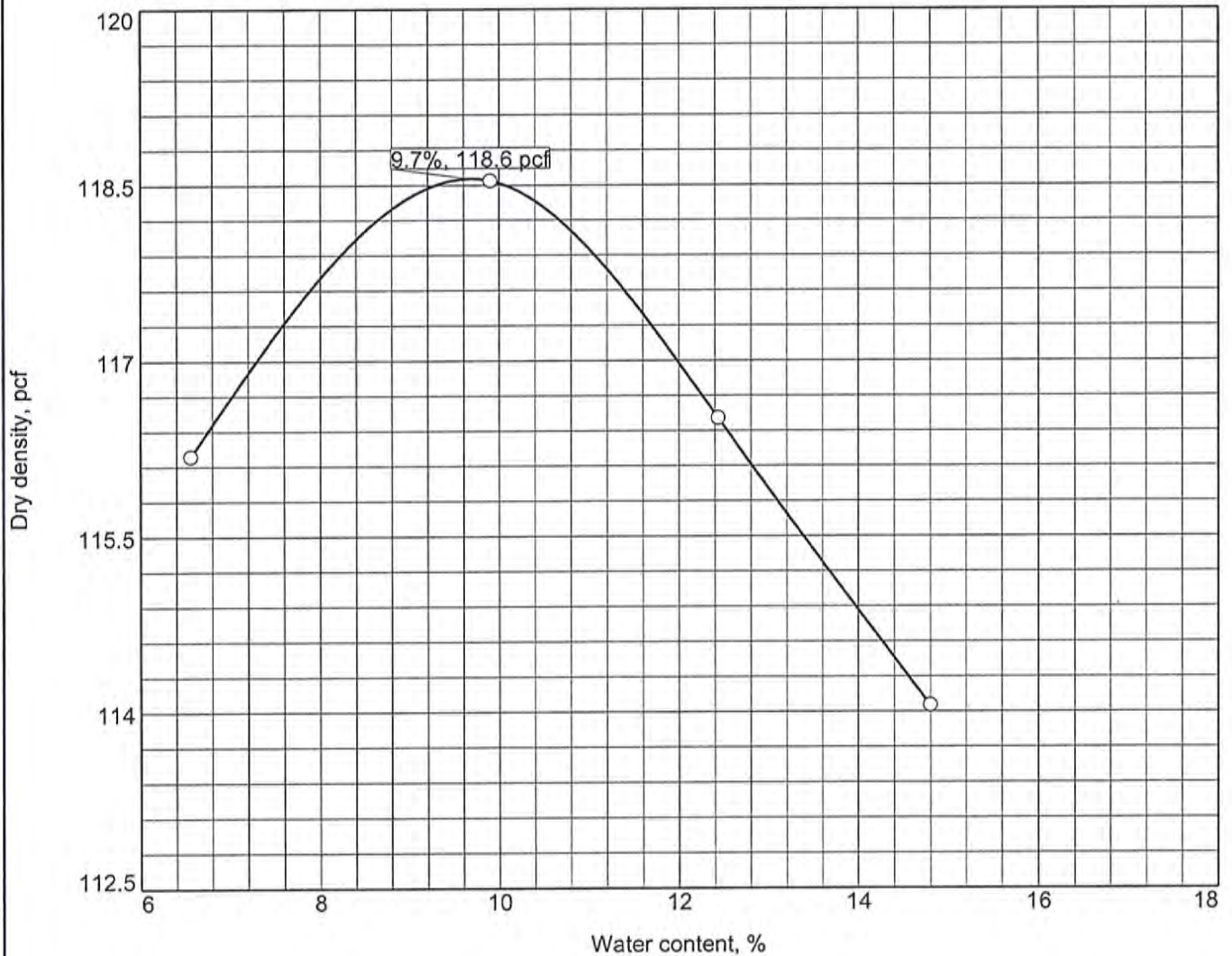
- pertaining to cohesive soils that exhibit a loose knit or flakey structure.



## APPENDIX B

	<u>Figure</u>
Compaction Test Reports .....	B-1
California Bearing Ratio (CBR) of Laboratory-Compacted Soils.....	B-2a thru B-2d
Report of Lab tests – Asphaltic Surface Course .....	B-3
Result of Particle Size Analysis of Existing Base Material .....	B-4a and B-4b

# COMPACTION TEST REPORT



Test specification: ASTM D698-12 Method C Standard

Elev/ Depth	Classification		Nat. Moist.	Sp.G.	LL	PI	% > 3/4 in.	% < No.200
	USCS	AASHTO						
	SM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

TEST RESULTS	MATERIAL DESCRIPTION
Maximum dry density = 118.6 pcf Optimum moisture = 9.7 %	Brown and Gray Silty Sand
<b>Project No.</b> 1140201801 <b>Client:</b> Freese and Nichols, Inc. <b>Project:</b> Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements <b>Sample Number:</b> 2 <b>GEOTEST ENGINEERING, INC.</b> <b>Houston, TX</b>	<b>Remarks:</b>

FIGURE B-1

Tested By: K. Patel Checked By: A. Ary

# CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO (CBR) OF LABORATORY-COMPACTED SOILS

## ASTM D1883

**Project:** Scholes International Airport Roadway  
Pavement Improvements

**Job No.:** 1140201801

**Sample Location:** Composite sample from borings GB-1 through GB-14 (0'-6')

**Sample Description:** Brown and gray Silty Sand

**Liquid Limit:** NP

**Plastic Limit:** NP

**Plasticity Index:** NP

Method of Compaction: ☒ ASTM D698  
☐ ASTM D1557

Blows per layer: 10

Sample Condition: ☒ soaked ☐ unsoaked

Dry Density before soaking 97.2 pcf

Dry Density after soaking 97.2 pcf

Moisture Content:

Before compaction	<u>15.8</u> %
After compaction	<u>15.6</u> %
Top 1-in layer after soaking	<u>21.3</u> %
Average after soaking	<u>20.2</u> %

Swell 0.0 %

Bearing Ratio 9.68 % (☒ soaked ☐ unsoaked)

Surcharge 10 lbs

# CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO (CBR) OF LABORATORY-COMPACTED SOILS

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**Sample Description:** Brown and gray Silty Sand

**Liquid Limit:** NP

**Plastic Limit:** NP

**Plasticity Index:** NP

Method of Compaction: ☒ ASTM D698  
☐ ASTM D1557

Blows per layer: 25

Sample Condition: ☒ soaked ☐ unsoaked

Dry Density before soaking 101.2 pcf

Dry Density after soaking 101.2 pcf

Moisture Content:

Before compaction	<u>15.8</u> %
After compaction	<u>15.8</u> %
Top 1-in layer after soaking	<u>18.5</u> %
Average after soaking	<u>18.0</u> %

Swell 0.0 %

Bearing Ratio 22.76 % (☒ soaked ☐ unsoaked)

Surcharge 10 lbs

# CALIFORNIA BEARING RATIO (CBR) OF LABORATORY-COMPACTED SOILS

## ASTM D1883

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Pavement Improvements

**Job No.:** 1140201801

**Sample Location:** Composite sample from borings GB-1 through GB-14 (0'-6')

**Sample Description:** Brown and gray Silty Sand

**Liquid Limit:** NP

**Plastic Limit:** NP

**Plasticity Index:** NP

Method of Compaction: ☒ ASTM D698  
☐ ASTM D1557

Blows per layer: 56

Sample Condition: ☒ soaked ☐ unsoaked

Dry Density before soaking 103.3 pcf

Dry Density after soaking 103.3 pcf

Moisture Content:

Before compaction	<u>15.8</u> %
After compaction	<u>15.8</u> %
Top 1-in layer after soaking	<u>18.5</u> %
Average after soaking	<u>17.6</u> %

Swell 0.0 %

Bearing Ratio 24.96 % (☒ soaked ☐ unsoaked)

Surcharge 10 lbs



**Project:** Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements

**Sample Location:** Composite sample from borings GB-1 through GB-14 (0'-6')

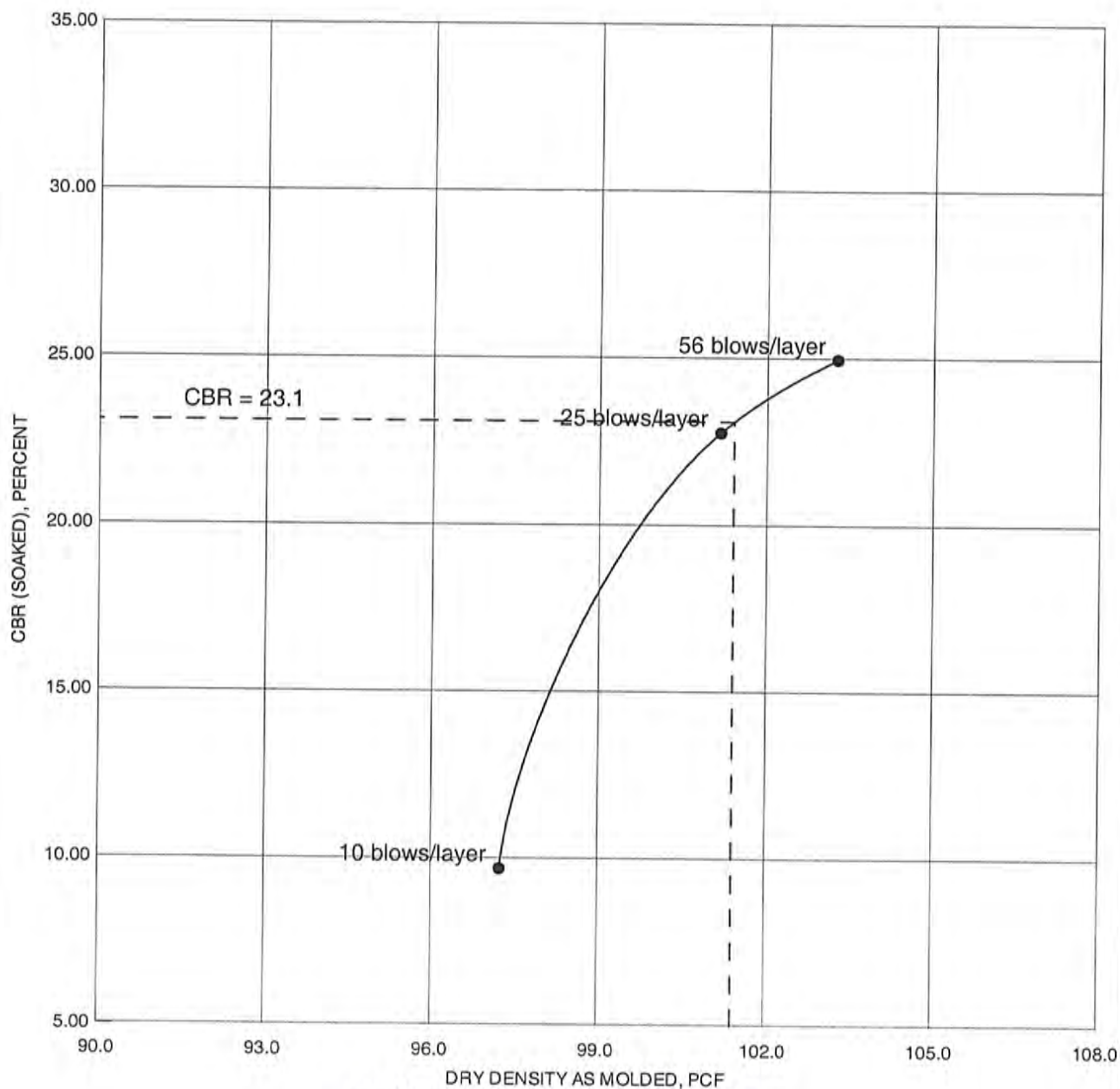
**Sample Description:** Brown and gray Silty Sand

**Liquid Limit:** NP

**Plastic Limit:** NP

**Plasticity Index:** NP

**Dry Density (pcf):** 101.4



**DRY DENSITY VERSUS CBR  
(ASTM D 1883)**

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**REPORT OF ASPHALT CONCRETE MIXTURE TEST RESULTS**  
(TXDOT, 201F, 206F, 207F, 208F, 210F)

Project: Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements  
Galveston, Texas  
Client: Freese and Nichols, Inc.

Job No: 1140201801

**ASPHALT CONCRETE MIXTURE DESIGN**

Description:	Aggregate Type						Asphalt Type
	R.A.P	"D/F " Rock	"F" Rock	Screenings	River Sand		Valero PG 64-22
% by weight	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
EXTRACTION, GRADATION & LABORATORY TEST RESULTS							
Percent Retained by Weight				Percent Passing by Weight			
U.S. Sieve Size	Percent Retained		Job-Mix Tolerance (+/-)	JMF based Grading Bands	Cumulative	JMF	Master Gradation Bands
Retained	Individual	JMF Ind.					
1/2"	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	N/A	N/A
3/8"	3.4	N/A	N/A	N/A	96.6	N/A	N/A
#4	20.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	75.8	N/A	N/A
#8	28.6	N/A	N/A	N/A	47.2	N/A	N/A
#30	15.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.2	N/A	N/A
#50	11.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	21.2	N/A	N/A
#200	18.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.0	N/A	N/A
Pan	3.0	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Asphalt (%)	5.6						
HVEEM Stab. %	41						
Max. Dens. (pcf)	152.7						
Lab. Dens. (pcf)	144.4						
Lab. Dens. (%)	94.6						

Remarks:

## REPORT OF SIEVE ANALYSIS

Project: Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements  
Galveston, Texas

Job No.: 1140201801

Description: Shell and sand mix  
Location: B-1, B-2, B-4, B-6, B-7, B-8, B-9, B-11, B-14

Sieve Size	Cumulative Percent Retained	Required Percent Retained
1 3/4"	0	0
1 1/2"	0	
1"	0.2	
7/8"	0.6	10-35
3/4"	2.5	
1/2"	6.7	
3/8"	10.9	30-50
#4	25.2	45-65
#8	37.8	
#30	56.2	
#40	58.0	70-85
#200	98.5	
Pan	100	

**REPORT OF SIEVE ANALYSIS**

Project: Scholes International Airport Roadway Pavement Improvements  
Galveston, Texas

Job No.: 1140201801

Description: Limestone  
Location: B-3, B-10, B-12, B-13

Sieve Size	Cumulative Percent Retained	Required Percent Retained
1 3/4"	0	0
1 1/2"	2.5	
1"	16.1	
7/8"	21.5	10-35
3/4"	29.5	
1/2"	46.1	
3/8"	54.6	30-50
#4	66.5	45-65
#8	70.3	
#30	80.8	
#40	83.8	70-85
#200	97.7	
Pan	100	